

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 17-22 are being canceled. Claims 24-29 which incorporate the subject matter of claims 17-22 as presented in the preliminary amendment filed November 25, 2003 are being added.

In the office action the Examiner issued a double patenting rejection for claims 17-22 as a result of an amendment filed by the undersigned on January 19, 2006. Upon review of the previously filed amendment, the undersigned discovered that the text of claims 17-22 presented in the January 19, 2006 amendment was wrong due to a word processing error. Due to this error, the text of claims forming part of U.S. Patent No. 6,688,378 was presented in the amendment and hence the double patenting rejection. This error went unnoticed by the undersigned at the time of filing the amendment and went unnoticed by the Examiner upon receipt of the amendment.

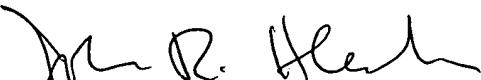
This error was discussed with the Examiner on May 18, 2006 and it was suggested that an amendment be filed presenting the correct text of the claims. Accordingly, claims 17-22 are being cancelled and new claims 24-29 are being added which include the subject matter of claims 17-22 that were filed as part of a preliminary amendment dated November 25, 2003.

In view of this amendment it is believed that the double patenting rejection has been obviated.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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